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U. S. Quartermaster's Dept.

LETTER
OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN ANSWER

To a resolution of the Senate of the 30th day of January, in relation to the vessels purchased or chartered for the use of the War Department since the 1st day of April last.

MARCH 27, 1862.—Read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

MARCH 31, 1862.—Ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, D. C., March 26, 1862.

SIR: In answer to a resolution of the Senate of January 30, 1862, I have the honor to enclose to that body a report of the quartermaster general, submitting lists of vessels purchased and chartered for the use of his department since the 1st day of April, 1861; together with a copy of a letter from Colonel D. D. Tompkins on the subject of the resolution. These documents, with certain exceptions alluded to in the report, embrace all the information called for at the present time within the reach of this department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. H. WATSON,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Hon. H. HAMLIN,
President of the Senate.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, March 24, 1862.

SIR: In compliance with the Senate resolution of the 30th of January last, I have the honor to transmit herewith lists of vessels purchased and chartered for the use of the quartermaster's department since the 1st day of April, 1861.

These lists embrace all the information called for, except as to the date when the chartered vessels were built, and the system of inspection to which they were subjected before being chartered.

It is not possible at this time to answer that part of the resolution requiring a list of vessels now in service, as the necessary reports from the officers of the quartermaster's department have not been received; but measures will at once be taken to have the proper papers forwarded to this office, on the receipt of which the desired information will be communicated.

The resolution is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
M. C. MEIGS, *Quartermaster General.*

Hon. E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

List of vessels chartered by the quartermaster's department since April

Name of vessel.	Date of charter.	From whom chartered.	By whom chartered.	When built.	Tonnage.
	1861.				<i>Tons. 95ths</i>
Schooner John N. Genin	April 5	McCready, Mott & Co....	Col. D. D. Tompkins		294 00
Steamship Atlantic	do.	North Atlantic S. S. Co....	do.		2,845 00
Steam tug Yankee	April 6	Russell Sturgis	do.		
Steam tug Uncle Ben	do.	do.	do.		
Steamship Illinois	do.	M. O. Roberts	do.		2,123 00
Steamship Baltic	April 8	North Atlantic S. S. Co....	do.		2,723 00
Schooner John Roe	do.	McCready, Mott & Co....	do.		297 00
Steamship Philadelphia	April 11	Daniel Torrance, agent....	do.		1,238 00
Schooner Oriental	April 18	Jas. C. Clapp, C. H. Gallagher, Cas. Howe, jr., and E. C. Howe.	Lt. H. Benson		61 00
Schooner W. S. Tisdale	do.	McCready, Mott & Co....	Col. D. D. Tompkins		289 00
Steamer Wm. Whilden	April 20	Anthony Reybold	R. F. Loper		310 76
Steamer Richard Willing	do.	Balt. & Phila. Steam'b't Co.	do.		232 74
Steamer John S. Shriver	do.	do.	do.		222 37
Steamer Henry L. Gaws	do.	do.	do.		228 14
Steamer Josephine	do.	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		254 91
Steamer Philadelphia	April 22	Phila. Express Steam'b't Co	do.		172 23
Steamer Commerce	April 23	S. Flannagan, agent C.T. Co	do.		160 00
Steamer Thomas Sparks	do.	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		300 00
Steamship Kedah	April 25	Edw. Cunard, agent	Gen. J. E. Wool.		1,800 00
Steamer C. C. Alger	April 26	Union Steamship Company	do.		149 00
Steamer John R. Thompson	do.	N. Y. & Balt. Trans. Line.	do.		170 58
Steamer Artisan	do.	do.	do.		173 57
Steamer Oneida	April 27	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		133 86
Steamer New York	do.	Phila. Express Steam'b't Co	do.		158 35
Steamer Middlesex	do.	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		124 24
Steamer Planet	do.	do.	do.		282 66
Steamer Ann Eliza	do.	Phila. Express Steam'b't Co	do.		211 34
Steamer Fanny Cadwallader	May 5	N. Y. & Balt. Trans. Line.	do.		218 93
Steamer W. Woodward	do.	do.	do.		275 34
Steamer City of Richmond	May 6	Union Steamship Company	John Tucker		
Steamer Elizabeth	do.	N. Y. & Balt. Trans. Line.	R. F. Loper		245 65
Steamer Octorara	do.	do.	do.		237 39
Steamer F. W. Bruce	do.	do.	do.		237 39
Steamer Reindeer	May 7	Calch S. Wright	do.		40 00
Steamer Wissahicon	do.	do.	do.		40 00
Steamer Sophia	do.	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		286 72
Propeller Stars and Stripes	May 20	New Haven Propeller Co.	Col. D. D. Tompkins		500 00
Steam prop. Star of the South	May 21	Small L. Mitchell & Son.	do.		960 00
Steamer Ann Eliza	June 3	Thomas Clyd, agent	John Tucker		911 34
Steamship Cawabba	do.	Livingston, Crockeron & Co	Col. D. D. Tompkins		
Steamship Vanderbilt	do.	C. Vanderbilt	do.		
Steamer H. Burden	June 4	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	Lt. Pierce Crosby		146 00
Steam tug Adriatic	June 5	Stephen Flannagan	do.		58 12
Steamer Josephine	June 7	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	John Tucker		254 91
Steamer Planet	do.	do.	do.		282 60
Steamer Sophia	do.	do.	do.		286 72
Steamer City of New York	June 8	William P. Williams	do.		
Bark W. H. Wall	June 12	Benner & Deake	do.		500 00
Steamship State of Georgia	June 14	A. Heron, jr., agent	Col. D. D. Tompkins		
Steamer D. A. January	do.	Mic'h'l Outmant & J. Chever	Captain R. Saxton		
Steamer P. T. Heatt	June 29	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	John Tucker		145 00
Steamer Octorara	July 5	N. Y. and Balt. Trans. Line	do.		237 39
Steamer Thomas Sparks	July 17	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		300 00
Steamer Planet	do.	do.	do.		282 66
Steamer Fanny Cadwallader	July 13	N. Y. and Balt. Trans. Line.	do.		218 93
Steamer Josephine	July 17	Phila. Steam Propeller Co.	do.		282 66
Steamer Sophia	do.	do.	do.		286 72
Steamer H. Burden	do.	do.	do.		146 00
Steamer Columbia	July 19	Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Steam Packet Company.	Major Jas. Belger		
Steamer Express	do.	Anthony Reybold	John Tucker		382 00
Steamer W. Whilden	do.	do.	do.		310 76
Steamer Lochontas	July 25	Powhatan Steamboat Co.	Major Jas. Belger		
Steamer Quenebang	July 29	A. Hickman, agent	John Tucker		200 00
Steamboat Des Moines	Aug. 2	Keokuk Packet Co.	Major J. McKinstry		
Steamboat Hannibal City	Aug. 15	do.	do.		
Steamer Lucas	do.	Wm. Kirkpatrick, agent	John Tucker		224 00
Steamer Sachem	do.	do.	do.		224 00
Steamer Seneca	Aug. 29	A. Hickman, agent	do.		193 40
Schooner Elizabeth Busch	Sept. 10	Peter Stou	Capt. A. C. Gillem		49 00

1, 1861, made in compliance with Senate resolution of January 30, 1862.

Rate of charter.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroy'd, how and when.	Amount of public property lost.	Remarks.
\$850 per month..				\$150 additional for each day or part of a day she may be employed in towing vessels.
2,000 per day				
500 ...do.....				
300 ...do.....				
1,600 ...do				
2,000 ..do				
850 per month..				
850 per day				
500 per month..				
850 ...do.....				With privilege of retaining her after voyage to Washington was performed, at \$275 per day.
175 per day				
150 ...do.....				
150 ...do.....				
150 ...do				
150 ...do				
135 ...do				
100 ...do				
175 ...do				
2,000 ...do				
100 ..do				
100 ...do.....				
100 ...do.....				
30 ...do.....				
135 ...do.....				
30 ...do.....				
150 ...do.....				
125 ..do				
150 ...do.....				
150 ...do.....				
3,000 for a voyage				After one month, \$9,000 per month.
150 per day				
150 ...do.....				
150 ...do.....				
66 ...do.....				
66 ...do.....				
160 ...do				
10,000 per month.				
600 per day				
120 ..do				
600 ...do.....				Off Hatteras inlet.
2,000 ...do.....				
100 ...do				
40 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
150 ...do.....				
10,000 per month..				
1,500 ..do				
600 per day				
1,500 per month..				From Key West to Fort Pickens.
100 per day				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
140 ...do.....				
100 ...do.....				
3,000 per month..				
175 per day				
150 ...do				
3,000 per month..				
130 per day				
1,500 per month..				
2,000 ..do				
130 per day				
130 ...do.....				
130 ...do.....				
600 for a voyage.				

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Wrecked January 13, 1862.

List of vessels chartered by the quarter

Name of vessel.	Date of charter.	From whom chartered.	By whom chartered.	When built	Tonnage.
	1861.				Tons 95ths.
Steamer New York.....	Sept 23	Thomas Clyde, agent.....	John Tucker.....		158 00
Steamship Atlantic.....	Sept. 25	N. Atlantic Steamship Co.	Captain R. Saxton		2,840 00
Steamship Baltic.....	..do..	..do..	..do..		2,723 00
Steamship City of Richmond	Sept. 30	Union Steamship Co.	John Tucker.....		444 00
Steamer Patasco.....	..do..	Wm. P. Williams.....	..do..		454 69
Steamer Virginia.....	..do..	Union Steamship Co.	..do..		364 00
Steamer Thomas Swann	..do..	Wm. P. Williams.....	..do..		460 90
Steamship Marion.....	Oct. 1	Spofford, Tileston & Co.	Captain R. Saxton		1,000 00
Ship Golden Eagle.....	..do..	E. Mott Robinson.....	..do..		1,121 00
Steamship Oriental.....	Oct. 2	Mora Bros., Navano & Co.	John Tucker.....		.....
Steamship Matanzas.....	..do..	..do..	..do..		.....
Steamship Philadelphia	..do..	M. O. Roberts, agent	Captain R. Saxton		1,050 00
Steamship Roanoke.....	..do..	N Y. and Va. Steams'p Co.	..do..		1,100 00
Steamship Star of the South.	..do..	Samuel L. Mitchell.....	..do..		960 00
Steamship Vanderbilt.....	..do..	C. Vanderbilt.....	..do..		3,560 00
Steamship Ocean Queen.....	..do..	..do..	..do..		2,801 92
Steamship Illinois.....	..do..	M. O. Roberts, agent.....	..do..		2,133 00
Steamship Ariel.....	..do..	C. Vanderbilt.....	..do..		1,295 25
Steamship Coatzacoalcas.....	..do..	M. O. Roberts, agent.....	..do..		2,030 00
Steamship Daniel Webster	..do..	C. Vanderbilt.....	..do..		1,035 49
Steamship Empire City.....	..do..	M. O. Roberts, agent.....	..do..		1,250 00
Ship Great Republic.....	Oct. 3	A. A. Low & Bros.....	..do..		3,400 00
Steamship Parkersburg.....	..do..	H. B. Cromwell.....	..do..		715 00
Steamship Cahawba.....	Oct. 4	Livingston, Crockeron & Co	..do..		1,643 00
Steamship Potomac.....	Oct. 10	H. B. Cromwell.....	..do..		460 00
Steamship Locust Point.....	..do..	..do..	..do..		460 00
Ship Zenias Coffin.....	Oct. 7	B. F. Riddell, agent.....	..do..		338 00
Steamship Ericsson.....	..do..	Dunham & Co.....	..do..		1,902 00
Ship Ocean Express.....	Oct. 9	S. G. Reed, R. S. Wade, and G. R. Willis.....	..do..		1,697 00
Steamer George's Creek.....	Oct. 14	Wm. P. Williams.....	John Tucker.....		.....
Steamship Ben Deford.....	..do..	Merchants and Miners' Trans. Co.....	Capt. R. Saxton.....		1,100 00
Steamship Belvidere.....	..do..	Jacob Brandt, agent.....	..do..		816 00
Steamboat May Flower.....	..do..	Thomas Collyer.....	..do..		400 00
Steamship Peerless.....	Oct. 17	John P. Wright.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....		.....
Steamer Pilot Boy.....	Oct. 18	Wilmon Whilden.....	John Tucker.....		256 00
Steamship Osceola.....	Oct. 19	P. N. Spofford.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....		.....
Steamship George Peabody	Oct. 26	Jacob Brandt, agent.....	..do..		.....
Steamer George Washington.	Oct. 29	Wilmon Whilden.....	John Tucker.....		378 72
Schooner Saugatoga.....	Oct. 12	John N. Adams.....	..do..		138 00
Schooner Chas. M. Neal.....	..do..	L. Mathews.....	..do..		241 00
Schooner N. E. Clark.....	Oct. 11	Thomas P. Clark.....	..do..		272 00
Schooner Susan F. Abbott.....	Oct. 12	A. R. Ludlam.....	..do..		182 00
Schooner Sarah J. Bright.....	Oct. 16	Lafayette Smith.....	..do..		205 00
Schooner James M. Vance.....	Oct. 12	John A. Barge.....	..do..		251 00
Schooner E. J. Allen.....	Oct. 11	Joshua Allen.....	..do..		290 00
Schooner J. Frames.....	Oct. 17	Daniel E. Somers.....	..do..		198 00
Schooner W. G. Andcired.....	Oct. 15	Theophilus Cason.....	..do..		265 00
Schooner Elizabeth English.....	Oct. 16	David English.....	..do..		198 00
Schooner Aid.....	..do..	James S. Endicott.....	..do..		259 00
Schooner Effort.....	..do..	Daniel Baker.....	..do..		123 00
Schooner Sarah Cullen.....	Oct. 17	James Cullen.....	..do..		275 00
Schooner Rachel S. Miller.....	..do..	Joseph Baker, jr.....	..do..		195 00
Schooner Louis Chester.....	..do..	Ellis Somers.....	..do..		231 00
Schooner Deborah Jones.....	..do..	S. W. Paten.....	..do..		160 00
Schooner Jas. Satterthwaite.....	Oct. 18	James S. Maloy.....	..do..		288 00
Schooner James S. Hewitt.....	..do..	Elmer P. Lake.....	..do..		270 00
Schooner Snow Flake.....	Oct. 19	Albert Dickerson.....	..do..		221 00
Schooner Willard Saulsbury.....	..do..	Wm. H. Hudson.....	..do..		203 00
Ship Daniel Maloney.....	Oct. 21	Abraham Sedman.....	..do..		248 00
Schooner Shark.....	Nov. 5	McCready, Mott & Co., agts.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....		89 00
Schooner Ann Maria.....	Nov. 6	Joseph Hartich.....	..do..		133 00
Steamer Star.....	Nov. 9	Anthony Keybold.....	John Tucker.....		130 00
Steamer Commerce.....	Nov. 11	S. Flannagan, agent.....	..do..		.....
Steamer Delaware.....	Nov. 19	J. T. Sanford, agent.....	..do..		616 23
Steamer Cosmopolitan.....	..do..	..do..	..do..		774 45

* 3 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

† 4 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

master's department, &c.—Continued.

Rate of charter.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroyed, how and when.	Amount of public property lost.	Remarks.
\$140 per day				
1,500 ..do.....				Charter to commence Oct. 5, 1861.
1,500 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 1, 1861.
6,560 per month..				
7,975 ..do.....				
6,560 ..do.....				
7,975 ..do.....				
1,000 per day				Charter to commence Oct. 5, 1861.
225 ..do.....				Do. do.
1,000 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 7, 1861.
700 ..do.....				Do. do.
1,000 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 5, 1861.
750 ..do.....				Do. do.
750 ..do.....				Do. do.
2,000 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 4, 1861.
2,000 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 5, 1861.
1,500 ..do.....				Do. do.
1,100 ..do.....				Do. do.
1,300 ..do.....				Do. do.
900 ..do.....				Do. do.
1,000 ..do.....				Do. do.
500 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 3, 1861.
500 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 5, 1861.
1,300 ..do.....				Do. do.
350 ..do.....				Do. Oct. 10, 1861.
350 ..do.....				Do. do.
To carry coal at \$4 per ton.				From New York to Hampton Roads.
\$1,200 per day				
350 ..do.....				
7,975 per month..				
750 per day				Charter to commence Oct. 15, 1861.
650 ..do.....				
400 ..do.....				
8,250 for 15 days..		Off S. Carolina Nov., 1861.	Not known	If detained beyond 15 days, \$550 for each day so detained.
145 per day				
6,000 for 15 days..		Nov. 2, driven ashore on coast of S. C.	Not known	If detained beyond 15 days, \$400 for each day so detained.
19,500 for voyage..				From New York to Key West, Tortugas, and Santa Rosa island; if detained beyond 30 days, \$100 per day not under steam; if under steam \$650 per day.
160 per day				
35 per ton transportation of coal				*\$16 00 p. d. demurrage.
do.....				+25 60 do.
do.....				+26 16 do.
do.....				*20 40 do.
do.....				*18 80 do.
do.....				+25 60 do.
do.....				+32 30 do.
do.....				*20 40 do.
do.....				+25 60 do.
do.....				+25 76 do.
do.....				+25 04 do.
do.....				*15 20 do.
do.....				+26 80 do.
do.....				+23 68 do.
do.....				+22 16 do.
do.....				*18 96 do.
do.....				+28 96 do.
do.....				+24 00 do.
do.....				*19 28 do.
do.....				+23 20 do.
do.....				+26 08 do.
\$500 for 26 days....				Beyond 20 days, \$25 per day.
500 ..do.....				Do. do.
110 per day				
105 ..do.....				
800 ..do.....				
950 ..do.....				

† 5 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

For each and every degree of latitude the vessels are taken south of Fortress Monroe the freight shall be increased eight cents per ton in addition to the demurrage.

List of vessels chartered by the quarter

Name of vessel.	Date of charter.	From whom chartered.	By whom chartered.	When built.	Tonnage.
	1861.				<i>Tons. 95ths.</i>
Steamer Boston.....	Nov. 19	J. T. Sanford, agent.....	John Tucker.....	.....	574 46
Schooner Annie E. Martin...	Nov. 27	Lewis Edwards.....	do.....	.....	321 00
Schooner Robert J. Mercer...	Nov. 29	James S. Robinson.....	do.....	.....	228 00
Schooner James G. Stille...	do.....	James D. Swain.....	do.....	.....	184 00
Bark Magnolia.....	Nov. 26	Wakeman, Dimon & Co.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....	.....	395 35
Schooner Spray.....	Nov. 30	John Price.....	John Tucker.....	.....	232 00
Schooner Mary H. Banks...	Nov. 28	A. Heckman, agent.....	do.....	.....	237 00
Bark Aura.....	Nov. 30	do.....	do.....	.....	450 00
Schooner Elijah Sheddin...	Nov. 22	Captain J. P. White.....	Charles H. Marshall, of Com. of Relief.....	.....	195 00
Schooner Americus.....	Dec. 2	Daniel Waters.....	John Tucker.....	.....	261 00
Steamer George Peabody.....	do.....	J. Brandt, agent.....	do.....	.....	1,017 00
Schooner Alexander Young...	Dec. 3	Alexander T. Young.....	do.....	.....	274 00
Schooner E. C. Knight.....	do.....	William C. Whirlow.....	do.....	.....	211 00
Schooner John N. Guin.....	Dec. 4	McCready, Mott & Co., ag'ts	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....	.....	294 00
Steamship Suwanee.....	do.....	A. J. Bucknor.....	John Tucker.....	.....	745 00
Schooner Sea Bird.....	Dec. 5	Jonas Smith.....	do.....	.....	190 00
Schooner Spencer D.....	do.....	Joseph Penny.....	do.....	.....	145 00
Schooner John Lenthall.....	do.....	B. C. Tutill, agent.....	do.....	.....	159 00
Schooner Emma.....	Dec. 6	W. T. Smith, agent.....	do.....	.....	141 00
Schooner Elizabeth Segar...	do.....	Joseph F. Tribble, agent...	do.....	.....	124 00
Bark Fanny Ealet.....	Dec. 7	McCready, Mott & Co., ag'ts	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....	.....	468 00
Steamer Eastern Queen.....	do.....	A. B. Vanneran, agent.....	John Tucker.....	.....	700 00
Ship Anacan.....	do.....	William Kelly, agent.....	do.....	.....	819 00
Bark H. D. Brookman.....	do.....	H. D. Brookman & Co.....	do.....	.....	538 00
Steamer New Brunswick.....	do.....	International S. S. Co.....	do.....	.....	850 00
Steamer New York.....	do.....	E. A. Souder & Co., agents	do.....	.....	995 00
Ship Ann E. Thompson.....	do.....	Charles Thompson.....	do.....	.....	787 00
Schooner Sarah N. Smith.....	do.....	Luther Fisk, agent.....	do.....	.....	198 00
Bark John Trucks.....	do.....	Henry Simons.....	do.....	.....	768 00
Ship Kitty Simpson.....	do.....	S. H. Simpson.....	do.....	.....	697 00
Ship Marcia Greenleaf.....	do.....	Charles Thompson.....	do.....	.....	1,177 00
Schooner Sarah Mills.....	do.....	S. T. Dayton, agent.....	do.....	.....	216 00
Schooner W. A. Crocker.....	Dec. 9	Thos. D. Endicott, agent...	do.....	.....	287 00
Schooner Maria Pike.....	do.....	S. W. Crawford, agent.....	do.....	.....	346 00
Schooner Plandome.....	do.....	Samuel L. Mitchell.....	do.....	.....	266 00
Brig Alexander Miliken.....	Dec. 11	J. R. Fish.....	do.....	.....	176 00
Schooner G. W. Hyerson.....	do.....	Somus Scull.....	do.....	.....	333 00
Schooner J. Burley.....	do.....	T. A. Brown.....	do.....	.....	202 00
Schooner Adel'de M. Aldridge	Dec. 12	David Howell.....	do.....	.....	198 00
Steamer Phoenix.....	do.....	Wilmon Whilden.....	do.....	.....	.....
Schooner Glenwood.....	do.....	Nathaniel Dickinson.....	do.....	.....	148 00
Schooner John G. Rotche...	do.....	Henry Clack.....	do.....	.....	110 00
Bark Eagle.....	do.....	S. W. Lewis, agent.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....	.....	200 00
Schooner Black Bird.....	Dec. 13	Jacob Weaver.....	John Tucker.....	.....	232 00
Schooner Restless.....	Dec. 14	John D. Sanders.....	do.....	.....	231 00
Schooner P. M. Wheaton...	Dec. 16	Philip M. Wheaton.....	do.....	.....	305 00
Schooner Harriet A. Rogers...	do.....	John F. Peirce.....	do.....	.....	270 00
Schooner T. P. Learned.....	do.....	M. C. Frambes.....	do.....	.....	259 00
Schooner Alert.....	Dec. 17	E. B. Champion.....	do.....	.....	231 00
Schooner Lewis Mulford....	Dec. 18	James Doyles.....	do.....	.....	225 00

* 8 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

† 5 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

‡ 6 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

§ 11 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

master's department, &c.—Continued.

Rate of charter.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroy'd, how and when.	Amount of public property lost.	Remarks.
\$700 per day.....				
3 per ton trans. coal.....				*\$30 00 per day demurrage.
3. do.				†20 00 do.
3. do.				†17 00 do.
1,500 for 20 days.....				
3 per ton trans. coal.....				†22 00 do.
1,000 per month.....				
1,100 do.				
800 for a voyage to Hatteras inlet, from New York.				Charter to commence Nov. 26, 1861, allowing for receiving and discharging cargo 22 lay days, at \$7 per day demurrage beyond that time.
3 per ton trans. coal.....				*\$28 00 per day demurrage.
650 per day.....				
3 per ton trans. coal.....				*27 00 do.
3. do.				†22 00 do.
750 per month.....				
500 per day.....				
800 for 30 days.....				Charter to commence Dec. 7, 1861.
725 do.				Do. do.
760 do.				Do. do.
650 do.				Do. do.
600 do.				Do. do.
3,000 for a voyage.....				From New York to Port Royal, S. C.
500 per day.....				
4,772 for 30 days.....				Beyond 30 days, \$122 83 per day.
3,123 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$80 83 per day.
950 per day.....				
600 do.				
4,370 for 30 days.....				Beyond 30 days, \$118 33.
1,500 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$1,000 per month.
4,370 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$115 per day.
3,956 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$104 53 per day.
6,607 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$186 per day.
1,500 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$1,000 per month.
2,050 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$1,300 per month.
2,350 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$1,500 per month.
1,600 do.				Beyond 30 days, \$1,100 per month.
4 25 per ton trans. coal to Key West.				†\$18 00 per day demurrage.
4 25 do.				
1 50 per ton trans. coal to Hampton Roads.				\$35 00 do.
				†21 50 do.
3 per ton trans. coal to P't Royal, S.C.				
115 per day.....				*26 00 do.
800 per month.....				
800 do.				
825 do.				
3 per ton trans. coal to P't Royal, S.C.				Charter to commence Dec. 13, 1861.
1 60 per ton trans. coal to Hampton Roads.				†\$20 per day demurrage.
				†\$21 per day demurrage; \$21, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.
1 75 do. ....				||\$31 per day demurrage; \$31, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.
1 75 do.				†\$28 per day demurrage; \$28, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.
1 75... do.....				*\$26 50 per day demurrage; \$26 50, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.
1 75 do.				**\$24 per day demurrage; \$24, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.
1 75 do.				**\$25 per day demurrage; \$25, in addition to the demurrage, for each degree the vessel is taken south of Fortress Monroe.

† 10 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

† 9 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

** 7 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

List of vessels chartered by the quarter

Name of vessel.	Date of charter.	From whom chartered.	By whom chartered	When built.	Tonnage.
	1861.				<i>Tons. 95ths.</i>
Steamer Patuxent.....	Dec. 18	Wilmon Whilden.....	John Tucker.....		
Steamer Pilot Boy.....	do.	do.....	do.....		256 00
Schooner S. A. Sanders.....	do.	Samuel Samers.....	do.....		237 00
Schooner Deborah Jones....	Dec. 19	Samuel W. Tatem.....	do.....		159 00
Schooner A. Codery.....	do.	L. C. Grace.....	do.....		269 00
Schooner Eva Belle.....	do.	David Lee.....	do.....		242 00
Schooner Mershon.....	do.	McCready, Mott & Co....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....		390 00
Schooner Edw'd Slade.....	do.	Jno. T. Steele, agent.....	Captain H. Biggs.....		285 00
Steamer Hoboken.....	Dec. 20	W. W. Shippen, agent.....	John Tucker.....		535 00
Steam'r Chancellor Livingston	do.	do.....	do.....		459 00
Schooner S. B. Bailey.....	Dec. 21	R. A. Robinson.....	do.....		187 00
Schooner Eagle.....	do.	W. J. Newell.....	do.....		134 00
Schooner Lucy L. Sharp....	do.	David McElwee.....	do.....		273 00
Schooner H. R. Coggershall..	do.	James M. Smallwood.....	do.....		293 00
Schooner M. R. Carlisle....	Dec. 23	H. B. Rider.....	do.....		186 00
Schooner Fanny Keating....	Dec. 25	Israel L. Snow.....	Captain R. Saxton.....		237 00
Schooner Col. Satterly.....	Dec. 26	John Garmon.....	John Tucker.....		225 00
Steamboat Monarch.....	Dec. 7		Major R. E. Clary.....		
Steamboat Decatur.....	do.		do.....		
Steamboat Fort Wayne.....	do.		do.....		
Steamer Kingston.....	Dec. 28	Philadelphia and Havre de Grace S. S. B. Company.	John Tucker.....		260 00
Steamer Thomas Jefferson ..	do.	do.....	do.....		338 00
Steamer Robert Morris.....	do.	do.....	do.....		431 00
Schooner P. Boice.....	Dec. 31	Frederic C. Boice.....	do.....		275 00
Schooner L. Andried.....	Dec. 30	Lewis Bartlett.....	do.....		173 00
Brig N. Berry.....	Dec. 31	Uriah M. Lamb.....	do.....		149 00
Bark Island City.....	Dec. 11	Pierce & Bacon.....	Capt. W. W. McKim.....		556 00
Schooner Geo. H. Hoyt....	Dec. 30 1862.	Edward M. Lonair.....	John Tucker.....		169 00
Schooner Ephraim & Anna..	Jan. 2	G. S. Dole.....	do.....		197 00
Brig Ambrose Light.....	do.	John R. Bryant.....	do.....		274 00
Schooner D. W. Vaughan ...	Jan. 3	S. M. Gifford.....	do.....		254 00
Schooner r Moses G. Leonard	Jan. 4	Geo. W. Leavett.....	do.....		225 00
Schooner S. A. Finner.....	do.	R. C. Friel.....	do.....		150 00
Steamer J. P. Levy.....	Jan. 6	S. Flannagan.....	do.....		59 00
Schooner E. W. Farrington..	do.	James Robinson.....	do.....		210 00
Schooner N. S. Rue.....	do.	Thomas Wright.....	do.....		140 00
Steamer Pocahontas.....	Jan 7	J. Brandt, jr.....	do.....		612 00
Schooner Isaac Hickley.....	do.	F. W. Levitt.....	do.....		221 00
Schooner G. B. Smith.....	do.	H. Loper, agent.....	do.....		216 00
Schooner Horace E. Brown ..	do.	John H. Adams.....	do.....		200 00
Schooner J. H. Hoyt.....	do.	A. C. Lyon.....	do.....		244 00
Steamer Louisiana.....	Jan. 8	J. Brandt, jr.....	do.....		1,200 00
Steamer Alida.....	do.	S. Flannagan.....	do.....		77 93
Steamer Alert.....	do.	do.....	do.....		67 25
Schooner Lanot Dupont....	do.	John W. Hering.....	do.....		194 00
Schooner H. Cole.....	Jan. 9	Chas. Hazleton.....	do.....		200 00

* 6 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

† 5 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

‡ 8 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

master's department, &c.—Continued.

Rate of charter.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroyed, how and when.	Amount of public property lost.	Remarks.
\$125 per day.				
165...do.				
1 75 per ton transportation of coal.				*\$22 per day demurrage; \$22 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1 50...do.				†\$19 per day demurrage; \$19 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1 75...do.				†\$28 per day demurrage; \$28 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1 75...do.				§\$24 per day demurrage; \$24 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1,600 per month...				
950 for 30 days...				
200 per day.				
200...do.				
1 75 per ton transportation of coal.				†\$19 per day demurrage; \$19 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1 50...do.				\$12 80 per day demurrage; 8 cents per ton additional for every degree taken south of Fort Monroe
4 25...do.				§To Key West, \$24 96 per day demurrage.
1 75...do.				†\$26 per day demurrage; \$26 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
1 50...do.				†\$17 per day demurrage; \$17 for every degree of latitude taken south of Fort Monroe, in addition to demurrage.
40 per day.				
1,000 per month...				
200 per day.				
150...do.				
150...do.				
200...do.				
200...do.				
200...do.				
3 per ton trans.coal to P't Royal, S. C.				†\$27 12 per day demurrage.
3 per ton trans.coal to P't Royal, S. C.				†\$18 per day demurrage.
4 25 per ton trans.coal to Key West.				†\$16 80 per day demurrage.
150 per day.				Charter to commence Dec. 12, 1861.
762 50 per month..				
4 25 per ton trans.coal to Key West.				§\$24 per day demurrage.
4 25 per ton trans.coal to Key West.				¶\$29 per day demurrage.
950 per month...				
900...do.				
760...do.				
75 per day.				
900 per month...				
750...do.				
550 per day.				
900 per month...				
900...do.				
40 per day.				
940 per month...				
800 per day.				
75...do.				
75...do.				
1,050 per month...				
850...do.				

§ 7 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

|| 3 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

¶ 9 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

List of vessels chartered by the quarter

Name of vessel.	Date of charter.	From whom chartered.	By whom chartered.	When built.	Tonnage.
	1862.				Tons. 95ths.
Schooner J. W. Lindsey....	Jan. 9	Daniel Lewis.....	John Tucker.....		216 00
Schooner J. G. Wright.....	do. .	Wm. V. Pearce.....	do.....		190 00
Steamer Champion.....	Jan. 10	S. Flannagan.....	do.....		57 03
Schooner Priscilla.....	do. .	J. Brandt, jr.....	do.....		145 00
Schooner Alabama.....	do. .	Levi Vangilder.....	do.....		200 00
Schooner Francis French.....	do. .	Thos. F. Loverland.....	do.....		168 00
Schooner R. C. Stgaard.....	do. .	J. Brandt, jr.....	do.....		123 00
Schooner William Wallace.....	do. .	David Seutt.....	do.....		280 00
Schooner L. B. Myers.....	do. .	Henry Somers.....	do.....		176 00
Ship Ellwood Walter.....	Jan 18	Snow & Burgess.....	Col. D. D. Tompkins.....		1,070 00
Steamship Chesapeake.....	May 13	H. B. Cromwell.....	do.....		
Propeller Ellen S. Terry....	Feb. 10	O. G. Terry.....	Capt. C. G. Loring.....		260 00
Steamer Cataline.....	April 25	Freeman & Co., agents...	Col. Tompkins.....		
Steamer Kill von Kull.....	April 24	Central Railroad Co. of N. J.	do.....	1858	1,193 00
Steamer Columbia.....	April 29	Spofford, Tileston & Co.....	do.....	1847	1,347 00
Steamer Matanzas.....	May 10	Mora Brothers, Navarro.....	do.....	1859	875 00
Steamer Jersey Blue.....	May 2	S. G. Chadsey.....	do.....	1850	234 00
Steamer Alabama.....	May 10	L. L. Mitchell & Son.....	do.....	1850	1,261 00
Steamer James Adger.....	April ..	Spofford, Tileston & Co.....	do.....	1851	1,152 00
Steamer Marion.....	May 10	do.....	do.....	1851	800 00
Steamer Thomas Swann.....	do. .	S. P. Williams.....	do.....	1853	462 00
Steamer A. H. Boorman.....	April 27	A. C. Cochran.....	do.....		
Steamer Eastern State.....	Sept. 27	E. A. Sonder & Co.....	John Tucker.....		479 44
Steamer Ausstra Senora de Regla.	Dec. 15	Ignacio P. Reynals.....	Capt. R. Saxton.....		
Steamer Honduras.....	Feb. 12	S. H. Ackerman.....	do.....		376 00
Steamer S. R. Spaulding.....	Sept. 9	Merchants & Miners' Trans. Company.	G. Tallmadge.....		
Steamer Hunter Woodes.....	July 17	J. Brandt, jr., agent.....	do.....		300 00
Schooner Exertion.....	Feb. 17	Benjamin Lyman.....	do.....		286 00
Propeller Fanny.....	June 4	Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company.	Lt. P. Crosby, U. S. N.....		146 00
Schooner Mignonette.....	June 6	do.....	do.....		
Steamer Wm. P. Clyde.....	Dec. 2	Thomas Clyde.....	John Tucker.....		228 00
Steamer Rancocas.....	Dec. 18	W. H. Harrison.....	do.....		133 00
Brig N. Stowers.....	Jan. 27	C. L. Stowers.....	Capt. R. Saxton.....		198 21
Schooner James G. Stelle....	Feb. 1	James D. Swaine.....	do.....		184 00
Schooner W. G. Andenried....	do. .	Theo's Corson.....	do.....		265 00
Schooner R. J. Mercer.....	Jan. 29	James S. Robinson.....	do.....		228 00
Schooner John Gayant.....	Jan. 25	Charles Smith.....	do.....		34 09
Schooner F. P. Simpson.....	Feb. 1	C. C. Ellis.....	do.....		109 00
Schooner James M. Holmes....	Jan. 27	Jos. L. Brewster.....	do.....		130 00
Schooner Alex. Young.....	Feb. 4	Alex. T. Young.....	do.....		274 00
Schooner Black Bird.....	Feb. 2	Jacob Weaver.....	do.....		232 00
Steamer L. G. Cannon.....	Feb. 14	Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company.	Hon. John Tucker.....		200 00
Schooner John Aumack.....	Jan. 21	L. E. Pearce.....	Capt. J. C. Slaght.....		281 00
Schooner R. C. A. Ward.....	Feb. 14	Nelson Edwards.....	Hon. John Tucker.....		291 00
Schooner Ovoca.....	Jan. 23	Joel W. Brown.....	Capt. J. C. Slaght.....		139 00
Schooner Jas. E. Price.....	Feb. 7	George Martin.....	Hon. John Tucker.....		90 00
Schooner David E. Wolf.....	Feb. 6	Richard Buckaloo.....	do.....		144 45
Schooner J. W. Rumsey.....	Jan. 23	Lewis P. Taylor.....	do.....		368 00
Schooner Lamartine.....	Feb. 10	Walter S. Johnson.....	do.....		180 00
Steamer Thos. Spark.....	Nov. 18	Philadelphia Steam Propeller Company.	do.....		300 00
Steamer Jersey Blue.....	Feb. 12	C. W. Kennerthy.....	do.....		222 00
Steamer Albany.....	Feb. 1	S. G. Chadsey.....	do.....		227 00

* 9 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

† 5 lay days allowed for discharging cargo.

master's department, &c.—Continued.

Rate of charter.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroyed, how and when.	Amount of public property lost.	Remarks.
\$875 per month				
850 ..do.				
75 per day				
750 per month				
850 ..do.				
762 ..do.				
600 ..do.				
1 50 per ton, transportation of coal				*\$29 per day demurrage.
1 50 ..do.				†\$18 per day demurrage.
5,500 for voyage to Port Royal, S. C. †				
400 per day				
200 ..do.				
10,000 per month.		Burnt July 2, 1861, at Fort Monroe, Va.	Not known....	} See letter of Col. D. D. Tompkins herewith, except rates of charter, which were obtained from his monthly reports of persons on file in this office.
1,000 per day.....				
1,000 ..do.				
700 ..do.				
125 ..do.				
1,000 ..do.				
4,500 per trip.....				
4,000 ..do.				
325 per day				
225 & 150 per day				
6,500 per month				
200 per day.....				
400 ..do.				
650 ..do.				
112 50 do.....				
700 per voyage ..				From Fort Monroe to Hatteras inlet, N. C.
100 per day		Captured by the enemy, Oct. 1, 1861.		
100 for voyage.....				
150 per day				
105 ..do.				
30 ..do.				} Chartered for lightering in the harbor of Port Royal, and conveying troops and supplies to the different islands in the neighborhood.
17 ..do.				
25 60 do.				
20 ..do.				
15 ..do.				
22 50 do.				
30 ..do.				
27 ..do.				
20 ..do.				
130 ..do.				
1,000 per month ..				
1,500 ..do.				
600 ..do.				
450 ..do.				
850 ..do.				
1,500 ..do.				
750 ..do.				
150 per day.....				
150 ..do.				
150 ..do.				

† 10 days allowed for loading and discharging, and if detained beyond the time allowed for demurrage to be paid 1½ cents per ton of the registered tonnage for every day she may be detained.

12 VESSELS PURCHASED AND CHARTERED BY GOVERNMENT.

List of vessels purchased by the quartermaster's department since April

Name of vessel.	Date of purchase.	From whom purchased.	By whom purchased	When built.
Steamer W. H. B.	1861. June 13	S. Crow & W. H. Brown	Captain J. Rodgers, U. S. N.	1860
Steamer A. O. Tyler.....	June 5	Daniel Collier	do	1857
Steamer Lexington	do ..	A. H. Shaw and others.....	do	1860
Steamer Conestoga	June 3	W. P. Jones	do	1859
Steamer Eagle	Aug. 28	E. L. & H. P. Borie.....	John Tucker	1848
Steamer Star	do ..	do	do	1849
Steamer Jos. Whitney.....	Aug. 8	Merchants and Miners' Trans- portation Company.	do	1854
Steamer Winfield Scott	Sept. 12	J. G. Woelfe & John P. Levy...	do	1861
Steamer Union	do ..	do ..	do ..	1853
Steamer Hugh Jenkins ...	Sept. 9	Eastern Shore Steamboat Co ...	do ..	1849
Steamer Balloon	do ..	do ..	do ..	1839
Steamer W. B. Keany	Dec. 18	J. K. Ryerson and others.....	do ..	1851
Steamer Eastern State	Nov. 27	International Steamship Co. & George Hayes.	do ..	1852
Steamer Union	Dec. 10	Cyrus Sturdivant and others...	do ..	1861
Steamer Northern	Dec. 13	W. P. Williams ..	do ..	1849
Steamer J. F. Winslow	Dec. 23	Archimedes Heckman.....	do ..	1845
Steamer Curlew	1862. Jan. 16	R. F. Loper	do ..	1853
Steamer Eagle	do ..	do ..	do ..	1853
Steamer Admiral	Nov. 8	International Steamship Co ...	By Howland & Aspinwall, of New York city, under instructions from Brigadier General A. E. Burnside, U. S. A.	1855
Propeller Mayo	Oct. 11	Wheeler Powell & Allen Reed..		1851
Propeller Samuel S. Holly	Oct. 23	Robert F. Silliman and others...		1857
Propeller Reliance	Oct. 19	Wm. W. Reynolds and others...		1854
Propeller St. Nicholas.....	Oct. 21	John F. Weldover		1853
Propeller Davis.....	Oct. 8	Van Belxholen Budd & Alex. Davis.		1854
Propeller Joseph Sherman.....	Oct. 15	Charles Croke		1851
Propeller Marshall Nye.....	Oct. 11	D. D. Smith & Travis Smith...		1854
Propeller Duchess	Oct. 8	R. Benedict and others.....		1860
Bark Mary J. Kimball.....	Nov. 7	Hiram Benner		Not known
Bark Jacob Merrill	Nov. 2	do ..		1857
Brig E. Remington.....	Oct. 31	Wm. Clift and others		1853
Schooner Stampede	Nov. 1	George B. Packer and others...		1854
Schooner Claremont	do ..	Joshua Wood and others		1857
Schooner Mary E. Hopkins.....	Nov. 8	Tim. B. Longstreet and others..		1856
Schooner George Davis	Nov. 1	Thomas Dunham		1855
Canal boat Jennie D. Oxner...	Oct. 30	Eugene McCarthy		Not known.
Canal boat Lavinia	Nov. 8	Sampson Jacqueth		do ..
Canal boat Oscar F. Burns ..	Nov. 7	W. A. Crego		do ..
Canal boat Clara Hess	Nov. 14	Franklin Halsey		1861
Canal boat Geo. W. Ough.....	Nov. 17	Hiram A. Crego.....		1861

1, 1861, made in compliance with Senate resolution of January 30, 1862.

Tonnage.	Price.	System of inspection.	Lost or destroyed, how and when.	Am't of public property lost or destroyed.	Remarks.
<i>Tons. 95ths</i>					
200 53	\$18,000				
419 81	21,000				
362 20	25,000				
279 80	16,000				
230 38	10,000				
287 42	12,500				
1,003 41	75,000				Now called the McClellan.
1,162 60	100,000		Broke in two at Pino island in January, 1862.	Not known.....	
1,124 03	100,000		Driven ashore on S. C. coast in November, 1861.	do	
306 36	12,000				
204 53	12,000				
.....	13,000				
261 05	30,000				
616 60	50,000				
149 10	15,400				
905 01	70,000				
160 90	25,850				Now called the Picket.
392 01	25,000				
392 12	25,000				
731 71	50,000	Inspected by Weeks & Rennie, legally appointed inspectors, with the exception of canal boat Jennie D. Oxner, which was inspected by Brigadier General A. E. Burnside, U. S. A.			
311 50	21,500				
348 33	30,000				
274 57	17,750				
131 13	26,500				
351 22	22,500				
337 70	18,000				
203 82	10,500		Sunk Jan. 17, '62.	Not known.....	Off Hatteras inlet, N. C.; total loss.
400 52	46,000				Captured by the U. S., and condemned in the U. S. district court of Florida.
398 15	10,000				Register (No. 70) issued at the port of Key West, August 28, 1861.
343 48	15,000				
329 16	9,750				
325 81	12,000				
340 31	10,875				
234 38	8,750				
335 70	12,000				
121 65	3,600		Jan. 17, 1862, by the parting of her hawser.	23,926 lbs. of hay, 3,330 bush. of oats, and other articles.	
110 00	4,000				
126 09	3,500				
140 00	3,500				
127 72	3,500				

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
New York, February 8, 1862.

GENERAL: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, directing me to furnish you with copies of the charters of the steamers Cataline, Kill von Kull, A. H. Bowman, Matanzas, Jersey Blue, Alabama, James Adger, Marion, Empire City, and Thomas Swan, and to inform you that no formal charters were made with the owners of either of those vessels. At the time these steamers were taken up the press of business was so great upon the department here that to have made written charters for all the vessels taken up would have been next to impossible. The owners were, therefore, invited to submit propositions for the use of these vessels for the purposes for which they were respectively required, which propositions were considered and accepted, with or without modifications, or rejected, as was deemed for the best interest of the service. In the most of these cases there was no option left for the government; the troops or stores for which transportation was required must go forward or the government go down. Under such circumstances it was deemed more important to secure prompt and efficient action than allow a rigid observance of all the forms and requirements of regulations to so retard movements as to invite attack and its consequences, disaster and ruin.

Steamer Cataline, side wheel, tonnage and place where built unknown, was chartered by me from Messrs. Freeman & Co., agents for the owners, who are unknown, on the 25th of April, 1861, by order of General John E. Wool, for three months; reported to have been burnt whilst in the government service near Old Point. It is believed that no lives were lost by the disaster. Whether government property was destroyed with her I am not informed.

The steamer Kill von Kull, side wheel, of the burden of 1,193 tons, owned by the Central Railroad Company, of New Jersey, built at Green Point, Long Island, in 1858, chartered by me on the 24th of April, 1861, from D. Terrance, who acted as agent for the owners.

The steamship Columbia, side wheel, burden 1,347 tons, owned by Messrs. Spofford, Tileston & Co., built in this city in 1847, chartered by me from her owners April 29, 1861.

Steamship Matanzas, (propeller,) 875 tons burden, built in New York in 1859, owned by Mora Brothers, Navarro & Co., from whom she was chartered by me May 10, 1861.

Steamer Jersey Blue, (propeller,) schooner rigged, 234 tons burden, built in Newark, New Jersey, 1850, owned in part by S. G. Chadsey, her master, from whom she was chartered on May 2, 1861, by me.

Steamship Alabama, side wheel, burden 1,261 tons, built in New York in 1850, owned by Samuel L. Mitchell & Son, from whom she was chartered on May 10, 1861, by me.

Steamship James Adger, side wheel, 1,152 tons burden, built in New York in 1851, owned by Messrs. Spofford, Tileston & Co., from whom she was chartered in April, 1861.

The steamship Marion, side wheel, burden 800 tons, built in New York in 1851, owned by Messrs. Spofford, Tileston & Co., from whom she was chartered by me May 10, 1861.

Steamship Empire City, 1,751 tons burden, built in New York in 1848, owned by Marshall O. Roberts, from whom she was chartered, by his agent D. B. Allen, March 5, 1861, by me.

Steamship Thomas Swan, (propeller,) burden 462 tons, built in Philadelphia in 1853, owned by Mr. S. P. Williams, from whom she was chartered in May, 1861.

In conclusion, I would remark that these charters, so far as I was connected

with them, were the best that could be made under the circumstances; none of them, so far as I am informed, except the Cataline, were lost or damaged whilst in government service, nor do I know or believe that any person in the government service or any government property was lost from either of them whilst under charter to the government.

No system of inspection was adopted, nor was any deemed necessary in taking up these vessels; they were all provided with the usual certificates required by the laws of the United States regulating steam commerce, both as regards their hulls and boilers, except the Cataline, of which I know nothing, having only carried into effect the orders of a superior, who, it was presumed, had satisfied himself of the fitness of the vessel for the purpose for which she was required, as well as of her safe and sound condition before directing the charter to be made.

D. D. TOMPKINS,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

General M. C. MEIGS,

Quartermaster General U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

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